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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of) Examiner: RIVERA, WILLIAM ARAUZ
KEITH E. SHERMAN et al)
Serial No. 10/666,613) Art Unit: 3654
Filed: 09/18/2003) Docket No.: N1080

Title: LINE TENSIONING AND COUPLING DEVICE

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 26, 2005, please amend the above-captioned application.

A petition to extend the time to respond is enclosed herewith to extend the time one month from April 26 to May 26.

The claims are being amended as follows:

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